THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The Medical Council of India have not recommended for grant of recognition to the MBBS course of the Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur and renewal of permission for admission of the second batch of students during 2001-2002 at Co-operative Medical College, Kochi due to deficiencies of staff, infrastructural facilities etc. The Medical Council of India is presently examining the clarification received from the Government of Kerala with regard to the academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram. The proposal for granting renewal of permission to the Cooperative Medical College, Kochi for admission of the second batch of students is being exmained by the Government.

Steps to check AIDS in Delhi

†364. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Rajdhani main 22 Hazar log AIDS peedit", which appeared in 'Dainik Jagran', dated the 4th January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check the dreadful disease like AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the news-item that appeared in Dainik Jagran on 4.1.02. However, there are only 656, cumulative number of reported cases of AIDS in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Government has launched a comprehensive AIDS prevention and control programme, which is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme being implemented in all States/UTs through States/UTss AIDS Control Societies. The main components consist of :—

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer conselling, condom promotion and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood transusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

Primary Health Care Centres in Andhra Pradesh

365. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Care Centres in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount of aid given to these centres during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There are 10568 Sub-centres, 1386 Primary Health Centres, 219 Community Health Centres and 420 Community and Health centres and 420 Rural Family Welfare Centres are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The funds provided to the State Government for primary health care services under various schemes during the last three years are as under:

Year	PMGY	RCH Civil Works	Sub-centres	Rural EW Centres
				(Rs. in lakhs)
1999-2000	—	562	2894	2700
2000-2001	2841.90	—	3000	2693
2001-2002	2841	—	3450	3135